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STATE PLS PASS TO: NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE (NARECO) FOR
JABLON AND KROP 2102 CONSTITUTION AVE WASHDC

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: TECH, JA
SUBJECT: RERF JFY 1978 BUDGET

REF: A) TOKYO 10678, B) ERDA 0278

IN VIEW OF REF B FOLLOWING ARE DETAILS OF REF A) LETTER:

1. MHW ACCEPTS THE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE
FOLLOWING FOUR PROJECTS EXCEPT ITEM (2) AND WILL ADD IT TO
THE INITIAL BUDGET PLAN: (ALL FIGURES ARE IN UNITS OF
YEN1,000)

(1) EPIDEMIOLOGY MAIL SURVEY 23,679
TITLE WILL BE CHANGED TO "EPIDEMIOLOGICAL
SURVEY OF LIFE ENVIRONMENT FACTORS:
(2) STRENGTHENING OF SPECIAL CANCER STUDIES 32,100
THE PLAN IS TO USE THE SURPLUS CARRY-OVER.
ACCORDINGLY IT WILL NOT BE ADDED TO THE
FY 78 BUDGET REQUEST.
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(3) STUDY OF LATER EFFECTS OF LOW DOSES OF 55,228
ATOMIC RADIATION
(4) HEALTH CONSULTATION FOR A-BOMB SURVIVORS 4,819
LIVING IN THE US.

NOTE: A) THE BUDGET FIGURES FOR (1) AND (4) ABOVE HAVE
BEEN ADJUSTED FOLLOWING FURTHER CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE
SECREARIAT AND THE STAFF CONCERNED. THE ADJUSTMENTS

WILL HAVE NO IMPACT ON THE PROJECT.

B) PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS FOR (1), (3) AND (4) ARE ATTACHED.

C) TOTAL OF THE ABOVE LESS (2) IS 83,726.

2. OF THE ITEMS IN THE INITIAL BUDGET REQUEST, POINTS VULNERABLE TO CRITICISM PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED BY MHW ARE SHOWN BELOW. DOWNWARD ADJUSTMENTS ARE LIKELY.

(1) RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE OF THE FOUR PERMANENT DIRECTORS COVERING THE FIRST TERM OF OFFICE, 44,583, IS INCLUDED IN THE PERONNEL COST. THE PRACTICE OF JURISTIC PERSONS IN JAPAN IS TO MAKE PROVISION FOR IT IN THE SECOND TERM OF OFFICE. AT THIS STAGE IT IS DIFFICULT TO MAKE AN ACCURATE ESTIMATE. CONSEQUENTLY, USE OF THE RESERVE FUND IS A POSSIBILITY IF PAYMENT OF RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE IS REQUIRED AT THE FY 77 YEAR END.

(2) FOR THE COST OF TAXIS IN THE ITEM "RENTAL". OFFICE EXPENSE, OPERATIONAL COSTS, A 19 PERCENT INCREASE OF YEN10,404 MORE HAS BEEN CONSIDERED, BUT MHW HAS STRONGLY REQUESTED THAT EFFORTS BE MADE TO MAINTAIN THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S LEVEL BY MEANS OF EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND AS FOLLOWS:
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FY 78 INITIAL REQUEST INCLUDES 19 PERCENT INCREASE, INCREASE OF TAXI COST)	62,474
19 PERCENT DOWNWARD ADJUSTMENT	52,068
FY 77 SPENDING	47,709

3. SURPLUS CARRY-OVER

NEGOTIATION BETWEEN MHW AND THE FINANCE MINISTRY IS NOW UNDERWAY AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE LEVEL. I HAVE INFORMED MHW OF THE DECISION OF THE BOARD AND ASKED FOR ITS HELP AGAIN WITH EMPHASIS ON THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT ITEMS:

B) MINIATURE FAST ANALYZER	34,500
B) FLOW MICROFULOROMETER	18,500

ACCORDING TO SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION FROM MHW, IT HAS MADE LITTLE PROGRESS IN ITS NEGOTIATION WITH THE FINANCE MINISTRY, WHICH FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO IGNORE THE FACT THAT THE SURPLUS IN QUESTION HAS BEEN CARRIED OVER AS TERMINATION RESERVE. ALSO THE QUESTION OF INTERPRETATION OF LAW CONCERNING DISBURSEMENT OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS IS INVOLVED. DEPENDING ON FURTHER INFORMATION, WE MAY HAVE TO ASK FOR US SUPPORT. WE SHALL CONTACT YOU WHEN WE COME TO THAT STAGE.

4. AT THE BOARD MEETING RERF WAS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE
ERDA AND NAS WITH THE BEST ESTIMATE OF THE ULTIMATE
COST OF OPERATIONS IN FY 78. WE SHALL OD THIS AS SOON
AS MORE INFORMATION ON SALARY INCREASES DUE IN FY 77
AND 78 BECOMES AVAILABLE--SOON AFTER THE NPA RECOMMENDATION
FOR INCREASE OF GOVERNMENT SALARIES IS RELEASED IN THE
EARLY PART OF AUGUST. UNTIL THEN MY ASSUMPTION, AS I
MENTIONED AT THE BOARD MEETING, IS YEN210,000,000 FOR
SALARY INCREASE IN FY 77 ASSUMING A 7.6 PERCENT INCREASE.
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